# WHY IS TITHING SEEMINGLY NOT MENTIONED BY THE EARLY CHURCH? BY OSAHON GODWIN ODUWARE

I do pay tithe, but I have heard several things being said about tithing that is VERY misleading.

People tend to take certain scriptures on the subject outside the context.

Tithing is a form of giving and ONE OF the scriptural ways God blesses a believer. **Obviously, the emphasis in the early church was on GIVING not tithing.** 

The New Testament church as established by the early church is operating under the law of LOVE. So God wants us to give (willingly and cheerfully) in proportion to the extent he has blessed us AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR LOVE for Him NOT under any form of burden or compulsion. This form of willing and cheerful giving is highly pleasing to God and attracts a GREAT reward from God (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

Interestingly, most that make issues with this are even ignorant of the basic underlying principle stated in the reference scripture - we are to give willingly BUT

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proportionally to the measure God has blessed us and God in return would base the measure of His blessing towards us by the proportion to which we have demonstrated our love towards Him in our giving. Most times, this willing proportionate giving is FAR more than one-tenth (tithe).

In other words, those who sincerely want to practice this willing proportionate giving under the law of love (towards God and men) would still be fulfilling the one-tenth. Hence, if those who insist on the tithe say those who insist on free-will proportionate giving are losing out on the blessing that go with tithing, then they would be wrong, because, **the one-tenth is TECHNICALLY still in the willing proportionate giving**.

The law of love in the New Testament ALWAYS fulfills rather than abolishes other pre-existing laws in the **Old Testament**. Hence, LOVE IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW. Shalom!

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